SUBJECTS.

2. *That the Pattazhi Desom lands should not be brought under the operation of the Jenmi-Kudiyan Regulation, but registered in the names of the present holders.*

Mr. R. Nilakanta Pillai (Member, Pathanapuram Taluk) said that the Pattazhi Desom lands should not be brought under the operation of the Jenmi-Kudiyan Regulation, but that they should be registered in the names of the present holders. The Member urged that much difficulty was experienced on account of the recent order of Government directing that these lands should be brought under the operation of the Jenmi-Kudiyan Regulation.

Dewan's reply—Government consider that they are only in the position of Trustees in regard to the Pattazhi Devaswom, and, as such, what is best for the Devaswom has to be done. Test suits have been filed, and their result will be awaited.

3. *That, in the assignment of puthuval lands divide-plans should be previously prepared, and ground reserved for the necessary pathways.*

Mr. C. Krishna Aiyar (Member, Nedumangad Taluk) said that, as the *ozhukus* of the *puthuval* lands registered by the Settlement Department had been destroyed, there were no means of finding out the boundaries of the lands except by the divide-plans. These, having been prepared nearly 17 years ago, were in a considerably damaged condition, owing to rough use at the hands of the Accountants. Taking advantage of the difficulty in procuring divide-plans, the strong man trespassed upon the property of his weaker neighbour; and in the absence of sufficient means for defining and distinguishing the property of one man from that of another, the weaker man failed to get justice even in the Courts. Again, the Forest Officers were asking for information regarding boundaries before issuing passes for the removal of timber. The Member therefore requested that a re-survey might be ordered of all the *puthuval* lands.

Dewan—Will it not be sufficient to ask the staff who will be specially deputed to bring up the arrears of the Land Records Maintenance work to attend to this?

Member—It will not be enough.

Dewan—In a recent G. O., it has been ordered that, from 1st Dhanu 1085, a sketch of every *puthuval* land, to be registered after that date, shall be prepared by the Tahsildar and appended to the *ozhuku* of such land. Will not that be sufficient?

Member—No. That will not meet the evil, I mean, the confusion in regard to the *puthuval* lands already registered.

Dewan—Do you then want a regular re-survey?

Member—Yes. The confusion will increase if registration of *puthuval* land continues to be carried on.

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